



**ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Community Design Studio Nave**  
**7506 E. Indian School Road**  
**Scottsdale, AZ.**  
**Wednesday, March 20, 2002**  
**5:00 PM**

Chair Basinger, noting the presence of a quorum, called the regular meeting of the Environmental Quality Board to order at 5:15 PM

**Members Present:** Daniel Basinger, Chair  
Don Manthe, Vice Chair  
Lynn Ashby  
Michael Brady  
Bodo Diehn  
Anne Marie Jack  
Randy Nussbaum

**Staff Present:** Larry Person  
Dennis Enriquez

**Guests:** Davida Shiffman-Smith  
Drew Galvin

**ROLL CALL**

A formal roll call was taken, with members present as indicated above.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion made by Board Member Diehn, and second by Vice Chair Manthe, the minutes from the 2/20/02 meeting were approved unanimously.

## **STAFF CHANGES**

Chair Basinger noted that some additional materials had been included in the Board Member packets. He also noted that Larry Person would be assuming the EQAB staff liaison responsibilities, as Dennis Enriquez was being assigned responsibilities in other areas. He thanked Mr. Enriquez for his efforts on behalf of the EQAB. Mr. Enriquez stated to the Board Members that he had enjoyed working with all of them. Chair Basinger also welcomed Mr. Person to his new role.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- City Energy Policy Comments

Chair Basinger advised the Board Members that they should E-mail their comments to Sandy Spain, if they had not already done so. There was a brief discussion as to the Energy Policy. Mr. Person advised the Board that an energy policy, applicable to the entire city, would be forthcoming.

- EQAB Work Plan 2002/2003

Sustainability Indicators. Mr. Person referred to the memo sent to the EQAB by Ms. Padian regarding the Sustainability Indicators. He requested that the Board Members review the questions posed by Ms. Padian and provide comments to staff by April 26, 2002. There was a general discussion as to the questions, and problems associated with collecting data, decreased staff availability, and funding issues.

ESLO Design Guidelines. Mr. Enriquez addressed this topic. He distributed a copy of the design guidelines and requested the Board to review them. He explained that the purpose of the review was to ensure that the updated design guidelines meet the expectations and needs that have been developed in the ESLO. He asked for all comments by April 26.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Fact Sheet Distribution

Mr. Person referred to the Memo on Roof Rats in the Arcadia area, and advised the Board that only a very small area of Scottsdale had been impacted. He explained that early preventative measures by the City prevented the spread of the rodent infestation in Scottsdale. The City

implemented increased collection and disposal of citrus, identified as the main food source for the rats, and the use of special feeding stations with poison doses. He noted that none of the rats tested to date have shown evidence of disease.

- Earth Day 2003

Chair Basinger pointed out the summary of previous Earth Day activities in the Board Member packets. He explained that funding cuts had affected the extent to which the City and the EQAB could participate. He reviewed several of the events from previous Earth Day events and requested Board Member input on how the Board could effectively participate this year. Chair Basinger called attention to the Solar Facility Dedication Ceremony on April 27, 2002, and encouraged attendance by the Board Members. Mr. Person advised the Board Members that there was a recommendation on the handout as to two ways that Board Members could participate in the event and work at an environmental display booth. He requested a response from interested Board Members.

- Special Events – Environmental Education.

Board Members discussed participation in environmental education opportunities at special events.

- Consideration of EQAB Resolution on Dust Control.

Chair Basinger pointed out the resolution prepared by Mr. Person in the Board Member packets. Board Member Nussbaum recommended striking the words “in order” in Section 1, line 2. Several typographical errors were noted for correction as well. On motion made by Vice Chair Manthe and seconded by Board Member Ashby, the resolution was approved as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Revised Bus Signs

Board Member Ashby advised the Board that Valley Metro had expressed a request for additional bus advertising on the signs. She reported that “ride the bus” had been included in the verbiage on all the signs. On motion by Vice-Chair Manthe, and second by Board Member Jack, the bus signs as revised were approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Basinger expressed the Board's appreciation to Mr. Enriquez, Board Members Ashby, Jack. Brady and Rick Fogus in Communications for their work on the bus signs.

- Green Building Committee relationship and liaison.

Mr. Person recalled that the EQAB had originally authorized the existence of the Green Building Committee as a sub-committee of the EQAB. He asked for Board direction as to renewing its relationship with the Green Building Committee. He suggested inviting the Chairman or designee of the Committee to regularly attend the EQAB meetings and report on their activities. Discussion ensued and it was decided that it would be appropriate to extend an invitation to a representative of the Green Building Committee to attend EQAB meetings at their discretion. Chair Basinger announced that he would attend the next Green Building meeting for the purpose of offering that invitation. Mr. Person added that the Work Plan Agenda Item for Sept 18, Residential Remodeling, was being sponsored by the Green Building Committee

- Review of Board and Commission Orientation

Chair Basinger reported that he, Mr. Enriquez and Board Member Brady had attended the last orientation. He noted that among other issues, diversity issues in Scottsdale and Robert's Rules of Order were discussed. Board Member Brady added that laws regarding meetings and quorums were also discussed. He recommended attendance by those Board Members who have not previously done so.

### **UPDATES AND REMINDERS**

- Noise Ordinance, Electric Drops, ESLO Design Guidelines, TV Spots, Air Pollution

Chair Basinger stated that the ESLO Design Guidelines had already been discussed. Board Member Nussbaum advised the Board that he had reviewed the noise ordinance issue with Ms. Padian and Mr. Enriquez and that the City had concerns regarding enforcement and felt that the item should be tabled until a more auspicious time. He added that the City felt that it would rather focus its energies on traffic at this point in time. Discussion ensued as to who the Board should take direction from and the source of new endeavors for Board action. Board Member Diehn reminded

the Board Members that several Council Members had requested that the EQAB undertake investigation into the formation of a noise ordinance.

Mr. Person clarified that there were three sources from which the EQAB received direction.

- 1.) Mayor and Council, either collectively or individually
- 2.) City Staff, acting under the direction of the Mayor and Council.
- 3.) Scottsdale citizens

Mr. Person went on to add that staff represented goals, as proposed by the Mayor and Council, and would not impose or reject issues simply according to staff's agenda. Board Member Nussbaum noted that there are no purely environmental issues in the General Plan. In response to a question by Board Member Brady, Mr. Person stated that the Mayor and Council had directed the EQAB to review the draft energy code, sustainability indicators, residential remodeling and the ESLO guidelines. Discussion ensued as to the possibility of presenting a State of the Environment presentation to City Council. Due to the full agendas encountered by Council, it was felt that perhaps an annual forum with City Council at one of the regular meetings would be more appropriate.

Chair Basinger stated that there was no report available on electrical drops as yet. Mr. Person announced that staff is checking on the opening and closing graphics needed for the environmental PSAs on Cable 11. He added that Frances Cookson would be working with Sandy Spain to coordinate the project. He welcomed participation in the PSAs by Board Members.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Drew Galvin expressed his dismay as a citizen of Scottsdale to hear at the EQAB meeting that there was currently nothing before the Mayor and Council related to environmental issues. He referred to a presentation on Channel 11 regarding proposed tax relief to non-residential water users in Scottsdale for water conservation efforts. He pointed out the large amount of water used by golf courses and the effects of fertilizing materials on ground water. Mr. Galvin requested Board comments on the issue.

Mr. Person stated that, as this item had not been agendaized, and in compliance with open meeting laws, discussion was not permitted at this time. Chair Basinger assured Mr. Galvin that the issue would be placed on the agenda for the April meeting.

Ms. Shiffman-Smith addressed the Board with her concerns regarding wireless electronic transmissions in mixed-use and other areas, and the potential hazards to health, life and safety in Scottsdale.

Mr. Person called attention to an invitation in the Board Member packets to the Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast on April 4, the Board Recognition event on April 23, and the Household Hazardous Waste Day on April 6. He encouraged volunteers for the HHWD event. Chair Basinger advised that an electronic recycling day would be held at Coronado High School and various other valley locations on April 20, for old computer equipment, and also reminded the members about the Solar Facility Dedication Ceremony on April 27, 2002.

As a final announcement, Chair Basinger stated that the Planning Department had notified him that Bashas, during the month of March, would contribute 1% of the sale to Vista Del Camino, for any shopper providing the identifying number 28841.

Vice-Chair Manthe commended Mr. Person for the additional meeting materials and new format for agenda notes.

Mr. Person requested a return to the Work Plan agenda item. He explained that the plan was designed to harmonize with the City's Environmental Year Calendar. He went on to add that the work plan topic would precede that of the Environmental Calendar by one month to allow to Board to schedule an event, if so desired. He also called attention to the column for guest speakers. Mr. Person went on to explain the timeline for preparation of the agenda for each month's meeting in order to provide a copy to the Board Members one week prior to the meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business pending before the Board, being duly moved, the regular meeting of the Environmental Quality Advisory Board was adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Swanberg  
Court Reporter

